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USING NATIVE MATERIALS
TO INCREASE HOME INCOME

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In many States, women who have access to native materials are using their ingenuity in designing salable articles from these materials costing little but the trouble of gathering. In Florida they are especially adept at using such interesting materials as subtropical foliage, grasses, fruits, and berries for wreaths and winter bouquets. They make hats and purses out of palmetto and coconut fiber. Wire grass brooms are made for sale; also baskets, beach shoes, and trays.

The Maine Extension Service reports that among the articles made from native materials there are hand-carved native pine boxes, toys, pottery, and pillows of fragrant balsam fir.

Tennessee women have made corn-shuck hats, purses, belts, bracelets, and beads, also dolls and favors. The women of this State have also done well with such native materials as hemlock burs, sycamore balls, sweetgum balls, peanuts, beechnut burs, hazelnuts, and pine burs made into hat trimmings, boutonnieres, and buttons. Baskets of wild honeysuckle and swamp grass have sold readily.

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